

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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ENERGY FROM TIDAL WAVES
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is undertaking any research/study to generate electricity from the tidal waves in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): The Ministry is promoting a research, development and demonstration programme for harnessing the tidal energy potential in the country for power generation. In February, 2008, the Ministry sanctioned a demonstration project for setting up of a 3.75 MW capacity tidal power project at Durgaduani Creek in the Sunderbans area of West Bengal to the West Bengal Renewable Energy Development Agency (WBREDA) Kolkata. The total cost of the project is Rs. 48.00 crores. The Ministry would provide 90% support for the project, while the State Government would meet the balance 10%. The project would be completed within 33 months.